

THE DAILY RECORD UNION.

FRIDAY..... FEBRUARY 15, 1884

THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 1553 for 4s, 114 for 4s; sterling, 84 50¢ for 99; 101 for 3s, 100 for 5s; silver bars, 113.

Silver in London, 504d; consols, 101 11 16d; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105 4s, 16d; 4s, 116d.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 50 cents.

Mining stocks were generally steady in San Francisco yesterday, with a small advance in some descriptions.

Mrs. Uhler, who was made notorious in New York by the shooting of Wilbur H. Havens by George W. Conkling, her brother, died from morphine poison yesterday.

The investigation of the Davielle (Va.) riot case was adjourned in Washington yesterday.

The commercial convention between Spain and the United States has been signed at Madrid.

Ten thousand copies of the first edition of Queen Victoria's book were sold the first day.

Billy McGlory, New York's "bad man," has been sent to prison.

Miss Adelicia Murray has received the degree of M. A. at the Vienna University, and intends to practice her profession in New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Helen M. Colton testified at Santa Rosa yesterday, in her suit against the Central Pacific officials.

In the case of J. Robbins, on trial at Modesto for the killing of the McBride girls, the jury yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty.

Fires at Stanislaus, Lassen county; loss, \$1,800.

Conservative meetings were held all over England Wednesday night.

Bernhardt will travel to America next season.

The Queen of Tahiti completed the round of the United States last night.

George Washington, not with a terrible death in Indianapolis yesterday.

The session of the National Educational Association adjourned at Washington yesterday.

The President has directed the promotion of Lieutenant Rhodes, the hero of the City of Columbus disaster.

Ansonia shooting affair occurred Wednesday night at Hot Springs, Ark., but no one was hurt.

Fire near Albany, Or.; loss, \$3,000.

A desperate fight occurred at Matamoras, Mex., between Customs officers and smugglers, in which two of the former were badly hurt, and two of the latter killed and several wounded.

While Gladstone was on his way to the House of Commons, he was shot in the collar by a man in a uniform, but no further violence was attempted.

Fire near Roshaw, Or.; loss, \$2,500.

The Mexican Central Railroad will be completed by March 15th.

Mary Fisher, 20 years old, committed suicide in San Luis Obispo by jumping into a well.

At the city election in Stanislaus county Wednesday, S. S. Nichols was elected Mayor.

A court prize fight with soft gloves took place last evening near West Berkeley, Alameda county, between a negro and white man.

The river at Cincinnati reached its highest yesterday, and commenced falling, which fact filled all hearts with joy; but the reports from other points in the flooded region continue to relate stories of devastation and suffering.

BAD AIR.

In an interesting paper by Dr. W. C. Van Bibber, and which is to appear in the forthcoming annual report of the Maryland State Board of Health, the question of neutralizing malarial influence is treated. The statement is reaffirmed that malaria is not confined to any particular district or section. In houses malarial effects are due to ill-ventilated apartments, damp cellars and cesspools. In cities they arise from sewers, cesspools, uncleanness and prevention of air circulation by the high walls of streets and alleys, and by deterioration of the air by radiation of heat from walls and pavements in summer, and the exhaustion of air circulation by the high walls of streets and alleys, and by deterioration of the air by radiation of heat from walls and pavements in summer, and the exhaustion of 100 men are asked to enforce a simple State law for a single day.

DISCUSSION OF THE REAGAN BILL.

Mr. Rengan replies to the demand of the Louisville Courier-Journal that ample time, as measured by the importance of the subject, shall be taken to discuss the interstate commerce bill, by saying that a former Congress mastered the subject and that three days' debate before the present committee was enough. But the *Journal* rightly insists that this is no answer. The present is not a former Congress; the present is not the old committee; the subject is one of the most momentous ever before the country; its hasty consideration is not demanded, but would be inexorable. The *Courier-Journal* adds that hasty legislation is the bane of the nation; even every department of Government was cursed with it.

All these things, this sanitarian claims, may be remedied, provided citizens will lend a more determined hand in the matter. To lessen the deteriorating quality of the air from heat radiation, he advises garden cultivation on the tops of back buildings, stables, low warehouses, etc. He urges liberal tree cultivation, but condemns ash and white mulberry trees for city uses, preferring the female *alniflora* and chestnut. For bad air generally there is, he declares, but one specific, cleanliness. The leaders in government must patiently educate the public how to clean. If the surface of the earth had been gashed in a city it is because noxious matter is permitted beneath it. This must be remedied, and it is the only remedy. Cesspools, he avers, are the worst of all nuisances. Their increase enlarges the danger to health in a vastly disproportionate ratio. In Baltimore found in 9,600 acres no less than 60,000 sinks. The daily deposits of the people of a city, if retained in the earth, rapidly augment a state of unhealth. Can such matter be removed at reasonable cost? He believes it can, and that a population may be familiarized with, and brought to the adoption of the necessary methods, difficult as the problem may seem. He believes the work can be accomplished for one-third of a cent per day per individual. If this is a correct estimate, the inventive genius of Americans should be equal to the task. He cites the fact that in Bolton, Scotland, where there are residing 106,000 people, the dangerous solid matter is daily, or nightly, collected, removed and utilized. The liquid matter it is not difficult to chemically neutralize.

THE CHINESE BILLS.

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POSTMASTER BACKERS EXONERATED.

San Francisco, February 14th.—Postoffice Inspector Seybold has concluded his investigation into the statement made by A. J. McCrinnon, charging that the Chinese should have been compelled, tested on cross-examination to say that the counsel for the prosecution declared that he had no right to do so. The jury immediately returned a verdict of not guilty and defendant was discharged. He was gratified on all sides at his prolonged vindication. A prosecution for conspiracy and blackmail will probably be instituted for the new prosecution.

Importation of Norman Horses.

Frankfort, Feb. 14.—A large number of horses assembled at the stock yards near West Brinkley to-night, to witness a prize-fight between Bill Williams, the negro who is about to face Sullivan for four years, and the State champion, Mr. Williams, a blackie from Kentucky. The negro was reported to have been beaten by his master, and he had been flogged. The negro was then sent to the stable of Mr. Colton, owned one-fifth. In that statement it was put at nothing. Later, when a statement in the papers about the importation of Mr. Hopkins' steers was made, he denied that he had compared the prices. The steers were inventoried higher. She thought that if the gentleman had robbed her and her husband, she would have been the first to tell him that he was the proper man to take part in the negotiations. She gave him authority to go and make the arrangements. Mr. Wilson said he had been told that he had been impossible to the officers of the law to enforce the law a shadow of state of affairs, and to which the reply of the Chief of Police that convictions cannot be secured, is no reply, no defense for lack of backbone. One efficient officer can notify every saloon-keeper in the city that the law will hereafter be enforced, and we believe the saloon-keepers will obey. If not, it is full time for the fact to be known and some examples to be made.

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THE SITUATION IN EGYPT.

Hicks Pasha and his brigade first defeated; Baker Pasha and his army next annihilated at Tokar, and Colonel Cothogon at Khartoum invested and cut off from reinforcement; Suakin menaced; Trinkat helpless; Tewfik Bey and his gallant 600 massacred, and Sunkat put to torch and sword; Osman Digna with his victorious rebels moving on Suakin—such is the record the victorious El Mahdi has written in blood against incapacity in Egypt. The English effort to check the progress of the long-armed boat-builder of Dongola really began with the advance of General Baker with his ill-equipped and reluctant troops. Since then the steps taken have not been such as to give confidence in either the desire or the ability to cope with the fanatical rebels. Sunkat's fall places the route from Berber on the Nile to Suakin on the Red Sea at the mercy of the uprisen tribes, and must inspire them anew with faith in their cause.

Will the San Francisco press have mercy on a long suffering public, and cease the daily wash of Sharon Hill's soiled linen?

PACIFIC SLOPE.

Weather Reports—Death at Grass Valley—Advice from Oregon—Mrs. Colton in the Wind—bad Weather of not Gusty at Modesto—Fire at Susanville—British Columbia News—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

The Cotton Case.

SANTA ROSA, February 14th.—Mrs. Fletch, a widow, who resides at the Niles, for to march troops across the Nubian desert is out of the question. But every mile of the way along the Nile from Krowsko must be contested at the point of the sword. No possible explanations can remove from the British Administration the responsibility for this situation. Civilization will hold it to account and demand of it to keep good the trust it assumed when it guaranteed the pacification of all Egypt, and began it by ordering Sir Evelyn Wood to resettle his forces in the face of the fact that for eighteen months El Mahdi had been terrorizing the region below from Gondar to Khartoum, and for a year or more had been the real ruler of Kordofan. Mr. Crocker subsequently spoke about the railroad management, expressing a wish that General Colton would stand this morning, when the weather is still, and get the facts as to what exists in some parts between the Colton and Colton families. 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